



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) is a group of genetic connective tissue disorders characterized by looseness, instability, subluxation, and dislocations of the joints; fragile and often hyper-elastic skin that bruises, scars, and tears easily; acute and chronic pain; and unpredictable arterial and organ rupture, which can cause internal bleeding, shock, stroke, premature death, and many other symptoms, which vary by type. It is estimated that EDS occurs in one in 5,000 births worldwide; and

WHEREAS: Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome is frequently misdiagnosed or undiagnosed, resulting in great discomfort and disability for affected individuals. There is neither routine screening nor a cure for EDS. Early and accurate diagnosis can provide the opportunity to create medical plans, ensure proper monitoring, and an improved quality of life for people with EDS and their families; and

WHEREAS: Little research into EDS is being undertaken at this time, but there continues to be hope that by encouraging further studies of EDS, new understanding and improved treatments can be developed. Current work in Minnesota and at research institutions across the nation can be expanded and increased, improving knowledge that allows for earlier and more effective management of EDS, preventing unnecessary complications, and increasing hope for a better quality of life; and

WHEREAS: In honor of those bravely suffering from Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, EDS organizations will continue to educate the public and healthcare community, and assist with research, in an effort to develop new levels of understanding, support, and improved treatments for EDS.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2014, as:

EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 24th day of April.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE